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C O R R E C T E D COPY - PARAGRAPHS 3 (A) AND 3 (B)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, PFOR, US, VN

SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY

A. STATE 298107 (181852Z DEC 75) NOTAL

B. VIENTIANE 6598 (180940Z DEC 75), NOTAL

C. VIENTIANE 6595 (180545Z DEC 75), NOTAL

1. AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 19, WE HAVE NO RPT  
NO RESPONSE FROM PDRL REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF  
CODEL DECEMBER 22-23 OR REGARDING CLEARANCE FOR THE  
U-21 AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD TRANSPORT THEM. CHIEF OF  
PROTOCOL TOLD CHAGE LATE AFTERNOON THAT SECSTATE  
KHAMPHAY BOUPHA (REF B) HAD PRESENTED MATTER TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER AND BELIEVED THAT LATTER MIGHT BE CONSULTING  
PRIME MINISTER.

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2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ASKED CHARGE TO TELEPHONE HIM

MORNING DECEMBER 20 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REPLY WOULD BE AVAILABLE THEN. WE WILL ADVISE.

3. OTHER ASPECTS OF VISIT:

(A) AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UNHCR/VIENTIANE AND WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MILITARY ESCORTS FROM WASHINGTON (LT. COL. STEENSTRA AND SGT. GIBBON, REF A) SHOULD REMAIN IN BANGKOK THROUGHOUT. UNHCR BELIEVES WE WOULD BE PRESSING OUR LUCK TO ADD THEM TO LIST FOR DRV VISAS FOR DECEMBER 21 TRIP, AND SPACE LIMITATIONS ON U-21 PRECLUDE THEIR PARTICIPATING IN PROJECTED DECEMBER 22-23 VISIT TO VIENTIANE.

(B) UNHCR/VIENTIANE REPORTS THAT ITS COUNTERPART OFFICE IN HANOI, WHICH ORIGINALLY PROPOSED USE OF DC-3, HAS NOW SUGGESTED USE OF CARAVELLE INSTEAD FOR ENTIRE ITINERARY DECEMBER 21. SUGGESTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT DRV APPROVAL. USE OF CARAVELLE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE TRAVEL TIME AND PERMIT EITHER AN EARLIER RETURN TO BANGKOK OR A LONGER STAY IN HANOI WITH RETURN TO BANGKOK AT TIME ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED (1730 HOURS LOCAL). UNHCR WILL ALSO HAVE DC-4 ON STANDBY IN VIENTIANE. IN ANY EVENT, 0700 DEPARTURE TIME FROM BANGKOK REMAINS UNCHANGED.

(C) UNHCR/VIENTIANE WILL INSTRUCT PILOT TO TAXI TO MILITARY SIDE OF DON MUANG ON RETURN AFTERNOON DECEMBER 21 SO THAT REMAINS CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO WAITING C-130.

(D) RE STATE 298338 (NOTAL); WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER WE CAN OBTAIN WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR STAFF MEMBER GARETH PORTER. WILL ADVISE.

(E) UNHCR/VIENTIANE SEES NO RPT NO OBSTACLE TO COL. LUTHER VAUGHN'S TRAVELING TO VIENTIANE ON CARAVELLE MORNING DECEMBER 21, AND PROTOCOL SAYS THERE WILL BE AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER ON DUTY AT THAT TIME. CORCORAN

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